

REMARKS

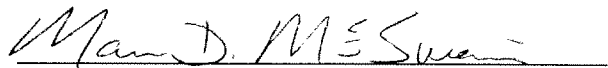
Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that this application meets the filing date and classification requirements to participate in the USPTO's First Action Interview Pilot Program. However, as this application was filed with more than 20 claims (45 total), Applicants do not believe this application meets the current Pilot Program's requirements regarding claim count. Applicants invite clarification.

Conclusion

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 13-0019, excluding issue fee payment.

Respectfully submitted,



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